

WASHINGTON (November 9) - Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) will receive the Reserve Officers Association's Minuteman of the Year Award during Veterans Day commemorations in Birmingham.

Bachus will be presented with the award during the annual Veterans Day Banquet at Boutwell Auditorium on Tuesday, November 10.

The Minuteman Award recognizes support for the defense of U.S. national security.

Congressman Bachus said, "It is a great privilege to be chosen to receive this award. But the true recognition should go to all of the servicemen and women - enlisted and reservist alike - from Alabama and across the nation who have dedicated themselves to protecting our freedom. Veterans Day is a time to remember the sacrifices that our soldiers have made, and continue to make today in places like Iraq and Afghanistan, to keep us safe and free. We thank them for their unselfish service and pray for their well-being."

The Alabama State President of the Reserve Officers Association, Ed Isom, said, "Congressman Bachus has been a stalwart supporter of the military community and national security. His voting record in support of national security during his years in Congress has established him as a leader in this area and we want to thank him for his service."

Bachus authorized the construction of the Alabama Veterans Cemetery in Montevallo, which opened this year to provide an honored resting place for veterans from the region. He served as grand marshal of the Veterans Day Parade in Birmingham in 2008 and makes it a regular practice to greet Alabama veterans visiting the World War II Memorial in Washington as part of Alabama Honor Flight programs.

Congressman Bachus will participate in a number of events during Birmingham's annual observance of Veterans Day, which is the longest-running commemoration in the nation.

